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WORLD'S—1903—FAIR.

STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.

Ex-Governor Stone should have for his Kansas City declaration against the acceptance of gifts from Mr. Carnegie to educational institutions some deeper philosophy than appears on the surface of the blunt interview telegraphed to the outside press. Certainly no system of moral or political philosophy familiar to ordinary men explains the ex-Governor's opposition.

He says that Missouri is able to build university libraries without applying to Mr. Carnegie. That is rhetoric and nothing else. Of course Missouri is able to build university libraries if the owners of property chose to sacrifice enough for the purpose. But, as a fact of history, they have not chosen to embarrass the State University with riches. Support of the University is almost wholly a question of legislation, as it always has been. If the windfall of \$648,000 from the United States had not come opportunely, and if the hardest kind of work had not persuaded a rather reluctant Legislature to turn the amount to the uses of the University, that institution would now be hard pressed for ordinary current expenses.

Missouri's taxation is low. In proportion to the total State revenues the support of eleemosynary and educational institutions is liberal, but nobody will argue that every one of these institutions does not need for complete facilities a great deal more money than it gets.

Considered in the light of modern educational tendencies, it may be doubted whether the State University's need of scientific apparatus and appliances is not much more acute than its need of a great library. If wise educators, looking ahead a quarter of a century, could choose how a half million dollars might be expended, they would so arrange the fund that the income would go to the purchase of apparatus and materials for advanced experiment and research.

However, though that is the more desirable improvement, it goes without argument that there cannot be a great university without a great library. There can be a large school, attended by a large number of young students, but surely not a great center of learning. Doctor Jesse deserves the approbation and support of every citizen of Missouri in his effort to interest Mr. Carnegie. The predilection of the philanthropic Scottish-American is for the endowment of libraries. President Jesse shows his devotion to his institution by endeavoring to seize the moment for the advancement of its permanent welfare.

Now, why should not the people of Missouri be glad to accept a gift from Mr. Carnegie for the establishment of a library at Columbia? If the ex-Governor is quoted right in the dispatches, he thinks that no part of the American public should permit Carnegie or Rockefeller or any other wealthy man to endow an institution. Governor Stone is in a fair way to be a United States Senator from Missouri. The theory advanced in the interview would compel him to fight in the Senate against carrying out the Carnegie plan for a national university at Washington. If it is for any reason not dignified or right for Missouri to accept a library endowment, it is evidently worse for the United States to permit the endowment of a full-fledged university. This logic is plain enough, but the foundation on which it rests is obscure. There is nothing in saying that Mr. Carnegie is connected with a trust. In the first place, he is not; and, in the second place, if he were that would not constitute an objection to his endowment of a library. A railroad combination may be against public policy, but a railroad director's gift to a Young Men's Christian Association or a church would be regarded as money well spent. Monarchy may be a bad form of government, but who ever heard anything, but praise for a King who gave liberally out of his private purse to charity and education? In fact, the view credited by the dispatches to Governor Stone, if put into universal execution, would prevent the distribution of private wealth for public purposes and would compel the poor rich men to use all their means for the perpetuation of riches in their own families.

On reflection Governor Stone will, it may be taken for granted, modify the opinion announced in the

dispatches. He is wrong; and he is alone against the sentiment of the people of Missouri. While they are able to provide a splendid library for the State University they are perfectly willing that Mr. Carnegie should take the expense of their hands. Doctor Jesse and Mr. Carnegie can rest assured that if they come to an agreement over the endowment of a library the people of the State will not only consent but will volunteer a cordial expression of appreciation. And when the library corner stone is laid, as we all hope it may be at an early day, no doubt Governor Stone will be ready to gracefully participate in the ceremonies.

FOR FRIENDSHIP'S SAKE.

Governor General William H. Taft speaks wisely when he predicts that the participation of the Philippine Government in the World's Fair would have a lasting influence in effecting a better understanding between the people of the islands and this country.

In his speech at the St. Louis Club he left no doubt concerning his belief in this assumption. That the Exposition comes at a critical time in the history of the Philippines there can be no doubt. Every opportunity which promises to sweep away misunderstanding and misinformation must be seized.

Governor Taft appreciates the Filipino character. He has promised to lend his efforts to make the Philippine exhibit the best possible. The moral influence will be felt by every Filipino who has heretofore been chiefly impressed by the physical prowess of this country. The friendliness of the United States will be demonstrated in an unmistakable manner by the interchange of ideas which the Fair will make possible.

Though the late President McKinley spoke generally, his epigram that "expositions are the time-keepers of progress" applies with special significance to the Philippine problem. "Every exposition," he said in his Buffalo speech, "has helped to some onward advancement."

With a notable participation of the Philippines in the greatest of expositions there should be a removal of suspicion from the minds of the Filipinos regarding our intentions toward them. The peaceful purposes of the Exposition would nullify in a large degree the distrust which Government policies have inculcated in a people naturally lacking faith in the friendliness of might.

As an augury for good the interest of Governor Taft in securing a participation of the Philippine Government means much for the success of the Fair. He wishes to make the exhibit the leading feature of the Exposition. Whether that is done or not, visitors will be assured of an adequate representation of a people who have become wards of this nation. For our own information the exhibit would be of priceless value.

FLORY'S FREQUENT FLOPPING.

Joseph Flory, former nominee of the Republicans for Governor of Missouri, has again confirmed the judgment of the people who refused to elect him. The chorus of uncomplimentary remarks from his former friends is an eloquent tribute to the result of the gubernatorial election in 1900.

For he has again "thrown" his supporters, if they are to be believed. A fortnight ago Henry C. Grenier announced that the "poor man's friend" had fooled him by trying to get the United States Marshalship after securing financial aid for a Congressional candidacy.

At a secret conference last week he again agreed to run. He gave out interviews outlining his plan of campaign. In the old Floryesque style he casually mentioned the similarity between his own humble beginning and the starts of Abraham Lincoln and James A. Garfield. The plaudits of the generalities which marked his preliminary announcement bore the earmarks of a carefully coached candidate.

Now he has "flopped" again. Friends and enemies have been disappointed by his final decision to keep out of Mr. Bartholdt's way. Tense expressions from the men who were grooming him for the candidacy may not be elegant, but they mean much.

Flory as an accident in politics has had a career which seems near its end. That the responsibilities of the Governorship were not entrusted to him is cause for congratulation by all the people of Missouri. If he cannot be "found" by his own personal political friends the administration of Missouri government is far better in the hands of others. That the citizens of the State have discovered the fact at such a small cost to themselves is a piece of good luck.

THE APRIL GRAND JURY'S TASK.

Beginning to-day the examination of witnesses submitted to testify in the boodle cases, the April Grand Jury takes up the work of municipal purification at the point where it was necessarily abandoned by that body's predecessor, the February Grand Jury of distinguished achievement.

This latter body had also succeeded a Grand Jury which made a splendid record in the great movement to terminate the wholesale corruption which has for at least ten years prevailed in this municipality. The December Inquisitorial body which began the boodle investigation. The vigor with which this initial task was performed was commendable. It was so pronounced and effective that many good citizens feared that the February Grand Jury might not keep up the pace and that a lessening of determined effort would nullify the good work already done. This, happily, was a groundless fear, and the boodle investigation is now in shape for the final effort which means the fullest success in the punishment of the boodle gang.

The April Grand Jury, with the assistance of Circuit Attorney Folk, may confidently be expected to render a public service in excellent keeping with that of its predecessors. The local civic conscience is thoroughly awakened and the demand for the prosecution and punishment of the boodlers who have so long looted St. Louis is overwhelming in volume and intensity. The people of St. Louis look to the Grand Jury now in session for a fearless continuance of the work so aggressively done to the present time. They have cause to rely implicitly upon the Circuit Attorney's courage and faithfulness. They have no cause to doubt that of the April Grand Jury.

The resumed investigation, therefore, will be watched with the keenest interest and the highest hopes by the local community. The ultimate results should logically be those for which the December and February Grand Juries have laid so solid a foundation. If this be the case the April Grand Jurors will have rendered to their community a public service of which they may well be proud all their lives.

THE HALL OF PHILANTHROPY.

With Mayor Wells's signing of the bill authorizing the General Federation of Women's Clubs to construct a building to be known as the Hall of Philanthropy in Forest Park, to be used as the headquarters of the Federation during the World's Fair, a notable enterprise reaches its successful culmination.

The project for the erection of this building originated with Miss Mary Perry of St. Louis, widely known as a faithful worker in the philanthropic field. Miss Perry's idea, as now assured of being placed in execution, is that this structure, following the close of the World's Fair, shall become a public library museum under its authorized name as the Hall of Philanthropy, and that it shall be a public institution.

Miss Perry and the General Federation of Women's Clubs will have reason to be very proud of their

achievement as a feature of the World's Fair, and the city and people of St. Louis will be placed under deep and lasting obligation for a beautiful and valuable addition to the worthy attractions of the World's Fair City. The Hall of Philanthropy will justly stand as a permanent memorial to the public spirit of the women from whom it comes as a gift to the municipality.

EVERY VOTER'S DUTY.

Republican Congressional primaries will be held in the Tenth District May 10. The registration books for these primaries will close May 5, seventeen days from to-day. No voter can participate in these primaries unless his name is on the registration books.

Good citizenship requires that every Republican should vote in every primary which may be held for party nominations.

This duty rests on Democrats with equal force. Yet, according to the latest records in the office of the Election Commissioners, only 35,458 names are in the primary registration books for the entire city.

This is a little more than one-fourth of the voting strength of St. Louis. Both Democrats and Republicans are indifferent to duty when they neglect to qualify for the primaries. Practical politicians will exert more than a just share of influence in making party nominations unless the masses of citizens take greater interest.

Within the next two months both parties will hold their primaries for the State conventions. An early registration will save time and trouble for voters. The books are open at the Election Commissioners' office every day and on Tuesday and Friday nights. No man can complain that the hours are inconvenient for fulfilling this important duty.

A rare testimonial of affection and respect was given to Doctor E. H. Gregory last night by the members of the medical profession. The guests at the banquet in his honor included some of the best-known practitioners of the United States. Doctor Gregory's own services to the cause of science during a period of fifty years have raised him to the place which he now occupies in the minds and hearts of those who know him. It is not granted to many men to reap in the vigor of life the fame which has come to Doctor Gregory.

The higher critics are in clover these days. Illinois, Kansas and Missouri have all furnished heretics of more or less prominence. One pleasing feature of most of the cases is that the dissatisfied ones, when found guilty of heresy, have taken their medicine with good grace and had the good sense to cease troubling the brethren. It has not been many years since the ideal heretic felt his chief end to be the breaking up of any religious organization with which he might be connected.

Should the date for the holding of the St. Louis World's Fair be set for 1904 there is little reason to believe that the fullest success of the enterprise would be imperiled by the fact that it will be held during a presidential year. Assuredly this fact would not tend to lessen American attendance, and the opportunity to study the American people in a national campaign should be an added attraction for foreigners.

Inspector Jones has again announced that prosecutions will be instituted against violators of the smoke-abatement law. The semi-occasional prognostications of this official have lost their humorous character in the minds of the people of St. Louis. If he intends to do his duty he will strive to compel the respect of those who have ignored the provisions of the law.

Surely when both sides in a fight are longing to cry "Nuff!" the fight ought to come to a speedy end. This is the situation in the British-Boer war. There should be little difficulty in reaching a satisfactory basis for the termination of hostilities. Let us have peace.

If the St. Louis World Fair turns out to be the chief factor in pacifying the Filipinos, international expositions will hereafter deserve to be classed as the world's pacifiers as well as the time-keepers of the world's progress.

RECENT COMMENT.

An English Estimate of Rhodes.

Perhaps these conditions added to the picturesque peculiarity of his career. The Old World conqueror working out his enterprises through the machinery of Nineteenth Century companies and Nineteenth Century Parliaments stands out as a figure quite unique in the history of civilization. The charm of absolute originality belonged to that strange career. It is far too early yet to form any conjecture as to the influence which will be the life of Cecil Rhodes is destined to have on the future of South Africa. No one can doubt that Cecil Rhodes, whatever may have been his personal ambitions or the mere impulses of his unrelenting and indomitable energy, had a sincere desire to promote the imperial greatness of his native country. It would be impossible to class him as a mere adventurer, even as an adventurer of genius; and the influence which he came to exert is rarely attained in human life by any man whose main inspiration is the desire to make his own fortune or his own fame.

Athens International Congress in 1903.

An International Archaeological Congress is to be held in Athens, Greece, in April, 1903. The international subcommittee recently met in Athens and decided on that date, the decision probably being influenced by the current belief that the International Olympic games will be held there about that time.

The congress will convene for fifteen days, the first five of which will be given to discussions in convention, and the last ten to excursions to various places of archaeological interest in Greece. The themes for general discussion have not yet been made public. Invitations will be extended to the various universities and colleges and Governments throughout the world.

Hard to Pick Real Reformers.

The reformers of Missouri are having a hard time trying to get together. The Public Ownership and the Allied party leaders are shooting hot words at each other, and each side charging the other with simply being the tool for a price of either Stone or Kereks in these two lead ers' aspirations for the United States senatorship. How can the people be expected to take any stock in reformers, who, according to "their confessions," need reforming? A crucible is needed as a tester to tell who the false gods are.

Not a Time for Change.

Webb City Register.
In case there were two and a half million dollars in the State Treasury placed there by a Democratic administration, it is not to be wondered at that our Republican friends want to carry Missouri and get the key to the Capitol building at Jefferson City. You can't have it this morning.

Would Prefer Another War.

Jefferson City Tribune.
St. Louis seems to have discovered a new method of providing for the expenses of her municipal government and of relieving her people of taxes. It is to arrest her Councilmen, fix their bonds at from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and then let them run away.

Promise for the Teacher.

Chicago Evening Post.
"Why do you make your daughter spend so much time over her music lessons?"
"Her teacher thinks there is a great deal of promise in her voice."
"But, don't you think you ought to get a disinterested opinion on that subject?"

AMATEURS TAKE LEADING ROLES
IN STOCK COMPANY PRODUCTION.

MISS MILDRED AUBREY,
the clever young amateur who will be seen in "A Noble Outcast" at the Germania Theater to-morrow evening.

Two young St. Louis amateurs, who have attracted considerable attention by their dramatic work, will make their appearance at the Germania Theater, Fourteenth and Locust streets, to-morrow evening in the

BENTON LAW SCHOOL
SHOWS BIG GROWTH.

Endowment Will Be Raised That
the Increased Attendance
May Be Cared For.

The Benton College of Law proposes to raise an endowment fund for the school, and at a meeting of the faculty held in the Mercantile Club last night ways and means were discussed. George L. Corliss, dean of the faculty, presiding.

In resolutions passed attention was drawn to the fact that in seven years the attendance has grown steadily, until it now numbers more than a hundred students. Better facilities are needed, among other things an ample library, that the object for which the school was created may be more fully developed and its efficiency thereby increased. Seven years ago the school was established in a modest way, with its home in the Young Men's Christian Association building, at the corner of Grand and Franklin avenues. With only one small room and very few students, it has constantly increased in proportions until now it occupies several rooms.

In other cities schools of this character have been well patronized, and have filled a useful mission, and St. Louis has supported and encouraged this school. It is believed by the members of the faculty that the school will be able to do much to encourage the school by endowments in a liberal manner.

Those present were: George L. Corliss, dean of the faculty; Judge John R. Wood, Harvey L. Christie, A. J. Abbott, Judge Thomas H. Harvey, Jesse McDonald, Joseph W. White, Hugh K. Wagner, Charles W. Bates, William G. Woerner, Judge Walter B. Douglas, S. L. Swartz, Frederick H. Bacon, James Avery Webb.

WHERE THE CORONATION
WILL TAKE PLACE.

This picture shows the arrangement of Westminster Abbey as it will be at the time of the coronation ceremony. The ancient coronation chair will be immediately in front of the altar rail. Following this are two baldstools for devotional purposes.

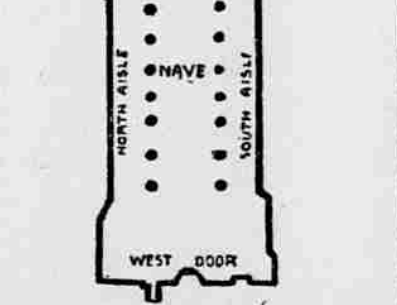


DIAGRAM OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY,
WHERE THE CORONATION OF KING
EDWARD WILL OCCUR.

Then in front of these, on a platform mounted by five steps, is the coronation throne, and to its right, on a platform with three steps, is the Queen's throne. On either side will sit the Bishops in all their splendor, and behind them, on the left, looking from the altar, will be the royal box. The Peers and Peersesses occupy galleries in the north and south transepts, and on either side of the choir galleries will be built to accommodate as many as is necessary.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET IS NAMED.

Platt County Denounced the State Administration as Puerile.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Monticello, Ill., April 17.—The Democrats of Platt County met in delegate convention here to-day and nominated the following ticket: For County Clerk, H. R. Gladden; County Judge, John E. Andrew; Superintendent of Schools, F. S. Betz; Treasurer, Earl Griswold; Sheriff, Ed. Meyer. Evan Stevenson was endorsed for the Legislature and seven Republicans.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
The members are as follows: Nic. Walker, Carlyle; Henry Hoff, Germantown; R. F. Farrell, Clinton; C. H. Miller, Meridian; Fred Turner, Sugar Creek; Frank Laws, Ishington; Peter Mueller, Wheatfield; G. H. Santel, Lookingglass; Joseph Hulse, Santa Fe; P. H. Peppertown, Wade; Henry Holtgreve, St. Rose; Edward Bady, Brookfield; and J. B. Heasler, East Ford.

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C. VAL CLEARY,
Who will appear in "A Noble Outcast" at the Germania Theater to-morrow evening.

St. Louis Stock Company's production of "A Noble Outcast."
Miss Mildred Aubrey will be seen in the part of France, which will enable her to display her emotional talent to advantage, and Mr. C. Val Cleary will essay the role of Jack, the Young Lover. Both are thought to be well adapted to the characters chosen for them.

Master Fred Wiegman, the boy actor, will also be seen in the place of Jack, the Outcast. Others who will take part are William Smith, as James Blackburn; William Lewis, as Colonel Lee; Miss Gene Johnson, as Mrs. Lee and Miss Kestie Kelly as Sadie.

FATHER COFFEY
ASKS FOR FUNDS

Anti-Saloon League Committee
Will Raise Cash to Carry
on the Fight.

At the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League in the Holland building yesterday a committee of five was appointed for the purpose of soliciting contributions and endeavoring to solicit funds for carrying on the work of the league.

Those appointed on the committee were not present at the meeting, but Father Coffey, chairman, stated that they are heartily in favor of the league's work and willing to do all in their power to assist the cause, and that he, therefore, felt no hesitancy in selecting them. They are: Messrs. Hugh McKeltrick, secretary of the Hargadine-McKeltrick Dry Goods Company; James L. Blair, General Counselor of the World's Fair Company; Alanson C. Church, vice president of the Wiggins Ferry Company; George W. Brown, president of the Brown Shoe Company, and Mr. Corbin. On motion of Doctor B. E. Barclay, secretary of the meeting, Father Coffey is empowered to fill any vacancy in the committee which may be caused by the refusal of any of the members to serve.

Kieley's Stenographer Takes Notes.

Among those present at the meeting was Chief of Police Kieley's stenographer, who took shorthand notes of the proceedings. He was accompanied by Jere Keohler, who conducts a saloon on Clark avenue, opposite the Police Station, and who is also a former secretary to Chief of Detectives Desmond and now manager of the Imperial saloon and garden at Twenty-third and Chestnut streets. He is also a member of the Anti-Saloon League. None of the gentlemen mentioned would give their names to the league's clerk, who is at their duty and suppress the incident in the rear of the hall.

A stranger, stationed at the entrance of the Holland building, passed and came to those who attended the meeting containing charges of an unpleasant nature. Father Coffey stated that he had been assured by a prominent business man that the stranger was a member of the Anti-Saloon League of the city for aid in the Anti-Saloon League work he would receive a generous response.

Fighting Indecent Saloons.

"The impression has gone forth that we are fighting all the saloons, and that is not so," said Father Coffey. "There is a distinction between decent and indecent saloons, and it is the latter class which we are attacking. My efforts and those of my colleagues have been in vain. I cannot force those public officials to do their sworn duty and so I appeal to citizens and lovers of decency in the name of justice to lend your assistance in bringing these officials to a full sense of their duty."

Have Refused Specific Charges.
"I have furnished Excise Commissioner Seibert and Chief of Police Kieley specific charges against certain saloons, and they are conducting the vilest kind of dens in open defiance of the law. Seibert and Kieley say they have investigated and found them to be empty. They say the saloons of St. Louis are being conducted as they should be, and that there are many of them, but they are not the ones we are complaining against. We refer to the numerous other saloons which exist in direct violation of the law."

Father Coffey spoke for an hour of the degrading influence wielded by the pro-brothel saloons, and urged the citizens by asking his hearers for their moral and financial support.

PRIMARY VOTE WAS COUNTED.

D. W. Shackelford Was Declared
Nominee for Congress.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., April 17.—The Eighth Congressional Democratic Committee cast up the ballot here last night and announced to-day that D. W. Shackelford was nominated without opposition.

The following is the new Congressional Committee: Cole, Thomas E. Moran, Jefferson City; Cooper, C. D. Corum, Booneville; Camden, Doctor G. M. Moore, Linn Creek; Montauk, D. F. Moore, Columbia; Miller, David E. Staley, Olds; Morgan, T. D. Harrison, Versailles; Boone, Dennis Spillman, Harrisburg; Osage, John Robinson, Chamala.

Politics in Chickasaw Nation.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Admore, I. T., April 17.—The Chickasaw National party held a convention yesterday in the woods east of Tishomingo to nominate a candidate for Governor. Palmer Mosely received 37 votes. Richard McLash, the other candidate, received 21. Next week the Progressive party will hold a convention to name their candidate. It is almost assured that W. L. Byrd will be nominated. Byrd and Mosely are both prominent Chickasaws and a hard fight for the office may be expected.

Think They Have Found Silver.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Lutesville, Mo., April 17.—While engaged in blading and grading the public road between Lutesville and Marble Hill this afternoon the contractor struck what seems to be an immense vein of rich and extensive silver lead. The place where the silver was discovered is within sight of both Lutesville and Marble Hill and the people are now convinced that valuable mineral deposits have been found.

NOTES AND PARAGRAPHS
OF THE SOCIAL WORLD

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Taylor have returned from their wedding tour and gone to house-keeping at No. 422 Maryland avenue. Mrs. Taylor was Miss Marie Carr.

Mrs. D. K. Diemer gave a dinner on Wednesday evening for Miss Marie Rudolph, who will sail for England on Saturday, April 26. The favors were bouquets of white silk ribbon, lettered with "Farewell, April 18."

Mrs. Fred Arthur Banister, Mrs. Cary Bacon and Miss Saunders have sent out invitations for Wednesday afternoon, April 23, from 3 to 5, No. 419 Morgan street.

Miss Sophie Schuyler, who has been spending the winter with her brother, Professor William Schuyler, will depart for the East the last of April.

Mrs. William C. Little entertained with a tea yesterday afternoon for Miss Wessel of Cincinnati, who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Al Shupick. About sixty girls, mainly the younger debutante set, were asked by the hostess to have a cup of tea and enjoy a chat. The little apartments in the Westmoreland were fragrant with spring flowers and the entertainment in all respects a pleasant one.

BIRTHDAY CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. F. G. Flech, No. 232 North Ninth street, entertained the Twentieth Century Birthday Club, of which she is a member, Tuesday. Euchre was played, the prizes being won by Mrs. H. E. Adams, Mrs. W. Stephens, Mrs. H. J. Hunsinger, Mrs. A. Boening. The floral decorations were elaborate. Vocal and instrumental music enlivened the occasion, and contributed largely to the enjoyment of the afternoon. The following members were present:

Members—
E. Schindler,
H. C. Fox,
J. T. Grace,
R. Sherman,
H. L. Benson,
J. M. Cameron,
W. Steffen,
C. Abbott,
A. Boening.

ENTERTAINED FOR DAUGHTER.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stutz, No. 233 South Thirteenth street, entertained at cards for their daughter, Miss Stutz. Euchre was played until 10:30, after which supper was served and dancing concluded the evening. Among those present were:

Misses—
Lulu J. Stutz,
Anna Zella,
Adele Stamm,
Clara Minges,
Bertha Stutz,
Elizabeth Pearce,
Messieurs—
Oscar G. Bieden-
stein,
Adolph Zuehlbig, Jr.,
Ernest Zuehlbig,
Andrew Kunzel,
Fred A. Deumer,
Will F. Geier.

Mr. R. W. Bugbee of No. 619 King's Highway boulevard and Miss Ida May Bagg were married Wednesday night at Immanuel Baptist Church by the Reverend W. J. Breker.

Your Skirt and Shoes
will last much longer if you find the skirt edge with S. H. & M. bias veitene. Look on the back of every yard for trade mark S. H. & M.—Adv.

DATE FOR OPENING OF FAIR.

Philadelphia Press Says Definite
Conclusion Should Be Made.

JEPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, April 17.—The Philadelphia Press, in an editorial, to-day, says: "The statement of the Philadelphia Press of the St. Louis World's Fair Company, that the Fair will not be postponed to 1904, and that it will be held in 1903 or 1904, is probably sufficient notice to the public that the Board of Directors is seriously contemplating a postponement of the enterprise. An authoritative statement of the fact that effect may be expected in a few days."

"The one thing the managers of the Fair should bear in mind is that an unsettled policy will do incalculable injury to the enterprise. It has already been harmed in that way. A vague uncertainty has pervaded the public mind and chilled the enthusiasm and checked efforts. This situation should continue no longer. A definite, well-thought-out policy should be substituted for it. And the first move in that direction should be in the direction of naming a fixed date for the Exposition